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### **LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS ISSUED CIVIL PENALTIES AT ENFORCEMENT HEARING**

**Olympia** – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Earl Tilly, found 55 elected officials in violation of state Public Disclosure laws during brief enforcement hearings held Monday in Olympia.

Elected officials and certain state appointed officials are required under state statute to file an annual Personal Financial Affairs Statement with the Public Disclosure Commission by April 15<sup>th</sup> reporting financial activity for the preceding year.

“Filing reports that disclose financial interests and holdings is more than a formality,” Tilly said. “It’s a means for the public to have tangible proof that officials are acting in the public interest and not for their private gain.”

The governmental officials who were issued a civil penalty had previously been sent a warning letter asking them to comply with the reporting requirements. A letter reminding each official of his or her obligation to file was sent on May 7, 2004 and letter with an opportunity to pay a civil penalty and forego an enforcement hearing was sent on May 28, 2004.

Government officials from the Northwest area of Washington who were assessed a penalty at the brief enforcement hearing were:

**Marsha Hawkins**, City Council Member for the City of Blaine, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$200 with \$100 suspended upon the condition she have no further violations of the Disclosure Law for one year.

**Alan Marriner**, Commissioner for the San Juan Island Park and Recreation District, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$100 with \$100 suspended.

**Christopher Minder**, City Council Member for the City of Gold Bar, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Nathaniel Salseina**, School Director for the Concrete School District #011, was found in violation of state law without civil penalty.

**Christine Rehkopf**, School Director for the Concrete School District #011, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Orran Dodson**, Fire Commissioner for the Whatcom Fire Protection District #01, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$200.

**Dan Sneva**, Fire Commissioner for the Skagit Fire Protection District #3, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$200.

**Frank Sarno**, School Director for the Skykomish School District #404, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$50.

**Andrew Olson**, Commissioner for the Fidalgo Park and Recreation District, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$100 with \$50 suspended upon the condition he have no further violations of the Disclosure Law for one year.

Officials found in violation at the hearing will have an opportunity to ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.